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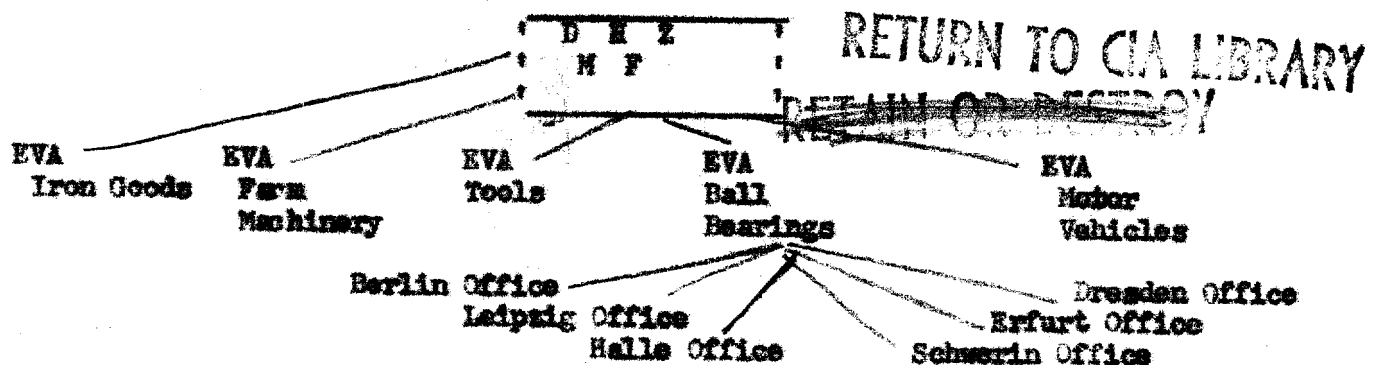
BALL BEARING SITUATION IN GDR

(5pp; German; undated)

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1. (page 1). A list of the key personnel at the EVA (Purchase and Sales Department) of the ball bearing section of the MF (Machine and Motor Vehicle Construction Division) of the IMZ (German Trade Center). Twelve people are listed with a thumb-nail sketch of each, inter alia: Director Grosse; Kurt Kamm, Chief, Control Department, regarded as a very dangerous; Werner Linke, Personnel Director; Friedhelm Heidtke, Assistant and Junior Specialist on Ball Bearings, who has Western leanings.
2. (page 2). Bottlenecks in bearing supply are listed; especially short are type 51 107, 51 118, 51 120, and 51 126. Series 32X and 33X are in short supply as are Nos. 6224 and 30207. Black market deals in bearings go through the Meletex firm in East Berlin, and through Gebauer & Moeller, Fulda. The Matulat firm, Berlin/Halensee, is furnishing EL 3 bearings which are a serious bottleneck in the production of precision machines, airplane gyroscopes, and navigation instruments.
3. (pages 3-5). Nine ball bearing plants are listed with pertinent facts on each: Number of workers, key personnel, production specialty, quality of tools and product, etc. Among those mentioned are: SAG (Soviet Corporation) TEF (Thuringen Ball Bearing Plant) with 200-250 workers, which makes roller bearings and small ball bearings; the Leipzig Ball Bearing Plant of SAG Antowelo with 3000 workers producing ball bearings of all sizes, self-aligning bearings, roller bearings of all sizes and shapes, pin bearings, and special bearings; the VEB (people-owned enterprise) Fraureuth Ball Bearing Plant, part of the Chemnitz VEB (Federation of People-Owned Enterprises for Tools and Machine Tools), a key industry employing 1950 workers and specializing in ball bearings up to 200 [mm] and roller bearings with diameters of 62-180 [mm]. The Fraureuth Plant is the best of the nine.
4. (page 5). The six sales offices of the EVA are listed: Berlin, for Brandenburg; Leipzig, for West Sachsen; Dresden, for East Sachsen; Halle, for Sachsen-Anhalt; Erfurt, for Thuringen; and Schwerin, for Mecklenburg.
5. (page 5). A schematic diagram of the IMZ is given as follows:



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